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TO: County Weed & Pest Supervisors, Weed & Pest Control Commission/Attendees

FROM: Brenda Sievers, Plant Industry Program Manager *RS*

DATE: September 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Call for Weed & Pest Grant Applications for FY2021

At their September 10, 2019 meeting, the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission approved a call for grant applications for FY2021 funds. The Commission approved the following:

\$230,000 divided amongst the counties that meet the criteria (See grant criteria for more info.)
\$220,000 to fund competitive grants

The Commission will be awarding contractual grants to each county that meets the criteria, with the amount depending upon which criteria they meet. The enclosed grant form is FY2021 Call for Grants & Contractual Agreements.

Also, the Commission has made available \$220,000 in competitive grants of which any dollar amount can be awarded to one or more counties for special weed projects within the county. The competitive grant criteria and application form is marked FY2021 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant. These grant requests will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Chairman. Their recommendations will be presented at the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission meeting in February for final approval.

All grant applications must be mailed and postmarked to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Services, **no later than November 15, 2019**. If grants are emailed or faxed in, the original copy **must** follow and be **postmarked no later than November 15, 2019**. The Commission will act on all grant applications on February 19, 2020, at the Annual Weed & Pest Conference in Aberdeen, SD.

If you have any questions, please contact me, your district Commission member or the Department of Agriculture office at 605.773.3796. You may also ask the Department of Agriculture staff at the upcoming District Weed & Pest Meetings. I have enclosed the dates and locations of the 2019 District Weed & Pest Meetings. As a reminder, there are meeting requirements to qualify for the grants, as well as the requirement to get your inspection, fiscal and annual reports to the Department. **Please read the requirements carefully!!!**

Inspection Summaries are due November 1st, 2019.

Annual and Fiscal Reports are due January 31st, 2020.